

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to TWO GROUPS OF SPECIES (and subspecies, if any) from each of which Applicant must elect a single species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.
2. The species are as follows:

The FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES (i.e., species to Prefabricated Resin House) from which Applicant must elect a single species is:

Species I: Figure 1

Species II: Figure 9

Species III: Figure 11

Species IV: Figure 16

Species V: Figures 37

Species VI: Figure 38

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies as to the internal ribbed structures, as follows:

Subspecies I: Figure 19a

Subspecies II: Figure 19b

Subspecies III: Figure 25

Subspecies IV: Figure 27

Should the applicant elect any of Species I-III and V-VI of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies as to the structural attachment to peripheral wall, as follows:

Subspecies I: Figure 6

Subspecies II: Figure 7a

Subspecies III: Figure 8

Subspecies IV: Figure 35a

Subspecies V: Figure 35b

Subspecies VI: Figure 35c

Subspecies VII: Figure 35d

Subspecies VIII: Figure 36a

Subspecies IX: Figure 36b

Subspecies X: Figure 36c

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies, as follows:

Subspecies I: Figure 20a

Subspecies II: Figure 20b

Subspecies III: Figure 20c

Subspecies IV: Figure 20d

Subspecies V: Figure 31

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies, as follows:

Subspecies I: Figure 21

Subspecies II: Figure 29

Subspecies III: Figure 30a

Subspecies IV: Figure 30b

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies, as follows:

Subspecies I: Figure 26a

Subspecies II: Figure 26b

Subspecies III: Figure 26c

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies, as follows:

Species I: Figure 34a

Species II: Figure 34b

Species III: Figure 34c

Should the applicant elect Species IV of the FIRST GROUP OF SPECIES above, then the applicant must further elect a subspecies, as follows:

Species I: Figure 28a

Species II: Figure 28b

Species III: Figure 28c

Species IV: Figure 28d

Species V: Figure 28e

Species VI: Figure 28f

The SECOND GROUP OF SPECIES (i.e., species to Interlocking Structure of Prefabricated Resin House) from which Applicant must elect a single species is:

Species I: Figure 4a

Species II: Figure 4b

Species III: Figure 4c

Species IV: Figure 4d

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

3. The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Claims 16-18, 21-22 corresponds to all Groups and Species
Claims 19-20 correspond Group I Species IV and any subspecies thereof
Claim 21 corresponds to Group I Species IV and Figure 31
Claims 23-26 correspond to Group I, Species I-III and VI

The following claim(s) are generic: 16 and 22.

4. The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The embodiments are distinct because they contain different structural features.

5. Due to the complexity of the restriction a telephone call could not be made to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does

not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES J. BUCKLE JR whose telephone number is (571)270-3739. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, Alternating Friday 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gay Spahn can be reached on 571-272-7731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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